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Billy Ray
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Subject: Inquiry About Uranium Exploration Drilling, Rio Algom Mining, Lisbon Mine, M/037/0001, San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Ray:

On November 6, 2008, the Division received a request from you for information about exploration drilling in certain areas near the Lisbon mine. We have record of drilling occurring in the following sections:

- Sections 20, 22, 25, 26, 27, 29, 35, and possibly 36.

Drilling was proposed for Sections 19 and 30, but I do not know whether it occurred. As far as I can determine, there was no other drilling within the sections listed in your letter.

No exploration was proposed for Section 21 of Township 29 South, Range 24 East, and to my knowledge, no drilling has occurred in this section. Our records indicate, however, that a portion of Section 20 is within the LTSM boundary, and drilling has occurred within the east half of this section.

I apologize for the delay in responding to your questions but hope this information will be useful. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance. I can be reached by telephone at 801-538-5261 or by e-mail at paulbaker@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

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